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NOTICES

To whom it may concern: My address will be O'Donnell. Tex., Rt. 3.—L. C. Pennington.

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To all my friends and brethren: My address is changed from 2314 Union St., Brunswick, Ga. to 2529 Wolf St., Brunswick, Ga.—James S. Roberts, pastor of Church of God at Brunswick, Ga.

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There will be home coming at the Church of God at Shelby, N. C., Dec. 10. We are expecting our state overseer, district overseer, and others. There will be all day service and dinner at the tabernacle. Everybody has a hearty welcome and a cordial invitation to attend. Bring a well filled basket.—A. M. Phillips, pastor.

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CORRECTION: On page 8, Nov. 18th issue of the Evangel, in the paragraph "Again," of the article "Let's Get Five Million Coupons," it should read, "If 1,240 churches get 1,000 coupons each," instead of "1,666 each."

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I have an accordian that cost me $35.00 and I will sell it now for $15.00. It has three sets of keys and plays in the keys of C natural, G sharp, and F flat. It has twelve basses. This is a real bargain. For further information write me.—Respectfully, R. L. Rexrode, Kempton, W. Va.

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The Church of God at Kannapolis, N.C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Georgie Cavender and Lessie Cavender. If not heard from by next quarterly conference, Jan. 1st,, their names will be dropped from the roll. —Annie Freeze, clerk, Rt. 2, Box 67, Kannapolis, N. C.

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To whom it may concern, especially churches of South Carolina: My address is changed to 206 Dickens Ave., Anderson, S. C.—H. L. Whittington, overseer of South Carolina.

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To whom it may concern: My address is Dunn, La.—J. B. Cole, overseer of Louisiana.

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We would like to hear from the following as to their spiritual condition: Elizabeth Walker, Ruby Colson, Nola Carroll, A. C. Frost, Ella Frost, Flossie Frost, Hattie Franks. If not heard from by the first of January, their names will be dropped from the church roll.—Myrtle Hurley, clerk.

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The Church of God at Haynes, Ark. desires to hear from the following before next quarterly conference which will be the second Sunday in January. If not heard from their names will be dropped from the roll: Owil Roberts, Gladys Roberts, Ruth James Sims, Ben Harbin, Ina Harbin, Levy McDonald, Mary Ann McDonald, L. A. Huffman, Mary Huffman, Kate Thomas. — Edna Malone, clerk, Rt. 2, Forrest City, Ark.

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As I am appointed again as Mission Treasurer for the State of North Carolina, I ask the clerks to cooperate with me. Do not send stamps as we have to place the money in their stead. Please send the state's part of the five per cent regularly each month just after the last Sunday. Pastors, you can find out any time from me how much your church has paid, and when. If any one has not received envelopes, notify me and I will send them. —Humbly, J. M. Snyder, Box 896, Kannapolis, N. C.

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On the fifth Sunday in December we invite the Hazelhurst district to come together at West Green, Ga. for home coming. We especially request that all preachers in the district be here. Everybody bring a basket of good things to eat. Come praying for a good day. Let us have a good time in the Lord.—Your brother, J. B. Weeks, district pastor.

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To whom it may concern: My address is changed to Stone, Ky.—J. C. Jernigan, overseer of Kentucky.

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To the pastors, clerks, and churches in Louisiana: God blessed us wonderfully last year by giving us many souls filled with the Holy Ghost and adding many to the Church. He will bless us more this year if we stay humble and obey Him. Here are some things to keep in mind and do.

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

You have read in the Evangel concerning this drive. Pastors, keep this before your church until they have raised their share of the debts. Let's not fail in this. We did well on the pencil drive but let us do more this time. Further, if any individual in the State of Louisiana owes the Publishing House, do your best to pay that debt as quickly as possible. If you can't pay all at once, pay as you can.

MISSIONS

This is something I am vitally interested in. We did very little last year for missions. I want to appeal to the pastors to please raise your quota and not stop at that, put forth a special effort for missions. Set aside one Sunday, say the third Sunday, in each month for missions. Put on special programs and see if we can't do more for missions. We have a mission play written by Sister Louise Burgess of Epps, La. which any church will enjoy seeing. Get this play, put it on and it will not be any trouble to raise an offering. J. B. Cole, W. F. Ainsworth, and J. P. Nolan are members of the State Mission Board. Send one half of offerings to J. P. Nolan, treasurer for state, and other half to General Secretary and Treasurer, Cleveland, Tenn. All clerks take note as to who is state treasurer.

ORPHANAGE

Remember the orphans. Keep up the birthday offerings and penny march and be sure to solicit soap, milk, and tea coupons. Appoint some two or three in your church to solicit coupons.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Each Y. P. E. put on a special program each month in interest of Bible School and send offerings to help the needy students. If you have no Y. P. E., let the church send an offering. There are about nine Louisiana students so we have an interest in the school.

EVANGEL

Every family in the church should sub-

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NOTICE TO EVANGELISTS

It is now time for all Evangelists to send in their 1933 license for renewal, and I will ask that you kindly attend to this matter at once. Please write your name and address on the back of your license and also state whether or not you are pastoring a church.

Exhorters and Deacons need not send in their papers as it is not necessary for them to have their papers renewed.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

NOTICE TO ALL SOLICITORS IN COUPON DRIVE

We have only the rest of this month to collect coupons on the 10 per cent bonus drive. The Octagon soap company has agreed to give us a 10 per cent bonus on all coupons collected up to Jan. 1st. We want to urge our solicitors to collect all coupons in your neighborhood and mail them to this office in time to ship them to the Octagon company by Jan. 1st. Remember there is an extra 10 per cent on coupons collected between now and Jan. 1st. In other words, for every 50,000 coupons that we ship to the company we will receive payment for 55,000 coupons at the rate of $4.00 per thousand. This bonus will be paid on any amount of coupons great or small. We hope you will put forth an extra effort to secure coupons as the orphanage is in need of supplies. One of the homes needs repainting and we would like to buy twenty-five new beds so that we can be able to take care of some worthy applicants that we now have.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

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Zion's Beautiful Singer

By VACHEL DAVIS

How often we are caused to be comforted, encouraged and the dark clouds that hang over our pathway suddenly dispelled by the words and melody of some song or hymn. Yet, so few of us stop to give any thought as to the person who gave this song to the world. It is easy for the most of us to recall the name of some author of our favorite inspirational book, but very few of us can recall the name of the writer of a song or hymn which we have sung and heard sung since childhood. No doubt but this selfsame song has been a stay and a support to us in many a dark, troubled hour,—and we know that God inspired it, the way it soothes our troubled and broken heart,—yet we know nothing about the vessel that God used to bring it to birth. Having this in mind, the writer decided to ask for a little story of the 'song life' of a man who has long been recognized as one of the leading hymn writers of the world. Rev. Herbert Buffum is his name, and his songs have long been sung around the world in every country where missionaries go. He was born on a farm near Lafayette, Ill. His father, J. W. Buffum, was also a gifted writer and poet and often wrote for Illinois papers under the caption, 'Loamy Soil.' It is my great pleasure to give to the readers of this paper this little story about this great singer, musician, and composer,—in his own words. The story follows:

A few months after my conversion 'from stage to pulpit' I was engaged in slum mission work in the heart of San Francisco and one day the inspiration for a song came to me. I went and secured writing material and to a then somewhat familiar tune as a boy of eighteen I wrote my first little song. Nearly thirty years afterward I was assisting in a meeting in one of the famous old theatre buildings in San Francisco and one night as I was entering the building one of the ushers told me a lady in a box seat wished to see me as soon as I should come. I made my way to the spot indicated and the lady, an elderly one, arose and almost immediately opened her Bible, in the back of which was a printed copy of this first song! What memories surged through my mind. How vividly I recalled the exact moment when the song was written and now I knew that many of my songs had long been sung around the world—yet, none had ever brought me more satisfaction than this, the beginning of my song-writing career.

Many questions are so often asked me It might be well to answer some of these in this article. Often I have been asked, "How many hymns have you written?" I do not know exactly,—at this time I should say not more than six or seven thousand. I always have on hand between a thousand and fifteen hundred unpublished songs. I have written as high (one day only) as fifty-six song poems in a day—completing the hundredth one the following day. I often write five to ten in a day. Then I may go for weeks and not write any. It is as easy to write a song as it is to write a letter, but I do not believe there is much blessing to any song not written under inspiration. Such songs do not live.

I usually find the melody comes right along with the words and though I could produce as many new melodies a day as I do words, I do not force a tune. If the melody does not come by inspiration I let some one else try their hand at it.

I have been asked if I have favorite songs among my own hymns. Yes, I do. Some of them much loved by other singers and listeners I do not care for at all and seldom sing them.

When I first started writing an old song-writer told me, "Brother Buffum, you will find that the song you thought would make the greatest hit, may not go at all; while some song you thought nothing of, may go big." This I have proved over and over again.

"Where do you get them—how can you remember the melodies?" This is as much a mystery to me as to anyone else. But if I have hundreds of unpublished songs on hand I look them over and each melody comes to me as it did the first time I wrote down the words. Formerly I would have to write them down as soon as they came or forget them. This was often inconvenient, besides, as they were no re-

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FORTY PREACHERS ATTEND

The Central Florida Ministers' Meeting which convened at Lakeland, Fla., Nov. 15, 1933, was a success. Services began a few minutes after nine o'clock and many of the ministers were already here. After songs and prayer the Welcome Address was given by the pastor and writer. Responses were given by Brothers P. W. Chesser, R. E. Drymon, A. M. Sapp, Geo. Lemons. By this time we were feeling like we were in a preachers' meeting. Following this was an address by Brother J. M. Baldree, "Advice and Instructions to the Church Clerks and Treasurers," which was interesting and instructive as he stressed the fact that we are workers together with God.

Minutes of the 1932 ministers' meeting were read and accepted, also some measures that were taken up at the camp meeting and the state convention of the Y.P.E. were read and accepted. Minutes of the North Florida Ministers' Meeting were read for consideration, after which Brother Thos. W. Godwin gave an inspiring message on "The Need of Better Organization," which he made very plain, and the Lord set His aproval on same. Surely this was the message for the occasion. Then the state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, in his good way gave a very helpful and instructive message from the 2nd chapter of Titus, which was to the point and enjoyed by every one. It was then time to feed the physical man a little so we gathered out under the oaks for a good spread which the good sisters had prepared, and no use saying any more about that, every one knows the rest.

The afternoon service was given to business discussions in regard to the work in the State, also advice and instructions to the Sunday School officials by the state superintendent, Brother H. L. Chesser; advice and instructions to the officials of the Y. P. E. by assistant superintendent, Brother W. B. Sumner, and advice and instructions to deacons and councilmen by Brother B. L. Hicks. All of these were helpful for each department of the church. There were forty preachers in attendance and we believe every one was glad to be here. These meetings have been a blessing to the work in this state by getting better organized and keeping the duties of the pastors before them, and the Lord is with us. Look for us on the honor roll. —H. L. Chesser, 937 N. Ohio Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

Notes from The Editor

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES VIA THE HOLY GHOST AND POWER OF GOD

The title of a nice little book of sixty-four pages by Nannie Ruth (Hagewood) Bowles, the obituary of whom appears elsewhere in this edition. Her many friends and loved ones no doubt will be glad to secure a copy of this little book. It contains many helpful sayings which should bring blessings to those reading it. It gives a short sketch of her life and ministry, experience, etc. It also contains two beautiful protographs of herself. Those ordering them in quantities may have special prices. Single copy, 25c. Order of Church of God Publishing House.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

One man who had owed the Publishing House since 1925 paid up last week. The evidence points to the fact that this man is getting right with God. "Go and do thou likewise."

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STATEMENTS

It is now time to send out statements according to former practices of the Publishing House. We trust those who are indebted to it will take immediate steps to discharge your obligations faithfully. You will do well to remember the rules and regulations mentioned on Page 129, Minutes of 28th Annual Assembly, concerning those who are indebted to the Publishing House. The committee appointed by the Assembly has almost completed survey of the accounts here and personally, I do not feel that I have authority to set aside the action of this committee. If you are surprised at their action you will have no one to blame but yourself.

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Those who owe the Publishing House on pencils and Bibles should take care of your accounts at once. Ample time has been allowed for sales and collections. This money is needed, therefore please make remittance.

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40c PER MEMBER DRIVE

The allotment for each state has been sent to the state overseers, and we hope that this drive is getting well under way, and that each state overseer, pastor, and layman will lay this simple and easy method to heart and let us make this the last drive necessary to clean up these debts. It will be easy enough if we will all do our duty and personally, I feel that many of God's faithful children will rejoice at this opportunity to give something to God's cause by helping us to discharge of these debts. We reluctantly mention these to our people, still duty forces us, by which we will be driven until the whole amounts are paid. Many thousands of dollars have been paid within the last few years and if we will all be faithful and pull together this year, the sum total of these debts will be removed.

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CALENDARS

A nice amount of money can be raised by ordering and selling our Scripture Text Calendars. The per cent of profit is about 45 per cent of the wholesale. We can allow you thirty days time to discharge of these calendars and we feel sure that your indebtedness on your church, piano, etc., can be greatly reduced by the use of this method.

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MOB RULE

The defiance of mob rule at San Jose, Calif., St. Joseph, Mo., and Salisbury, Md., where law was set aside and ignored and citizens took power of vindication for crime into their own hands and lynched certain criminals, is indicative of the spirit of lawlessness into which the whole nation is drifting. That the parties lynched may have been guilty and should have been punished is not questioned, but setting aside of the lawful courts as a means of jurisprudence and vindication is a reflection upon our American citizenship; concerning which we cannot be proud.

INJUSTICE OF LAW PRACTICE TO BLAME

The very fact that many influential and powerful attorneys use all their brain and influence to clear noted criminals, and have often times set aside the right of the law in many cases has greatly angered and stifled justice. The failure to obtain conviction of noted criminals has left the common people without hope because the failure of vindication for crime by the courts through powerful lawyers and law organizations is leading us into mob rule as a means of vindication for crime committed.

PREVENTION

Prevention of such lynchings as our American commonwealth have been called upon to witness in the last few weeks, can alone be prevented by the laws that were made to define, limit and protect our citizens against crime being used for the purpose of allaying it, and vindicating complaints against those who, by reason of crime and injustice, have outraged them. The mitigation of punishment has helped to increase crime in the U. S. Penalty for crime will, through fear of it, thwart the plans and purpose of criminals. When our citizens are assured of criminals being punished properly then they will be willing to leave them in the hands and fate of the courts. It is high time for the lawyers who thus use their talent and positions, and the courts who are swayed and warped by their legal procedure to awake to the situation that is confronting them and set up procedure on the basis of law, order and justice.

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MUSSOLINI TO MEDIATE WITH SOVIET ON CHURCH

Rome, Nov. 28 (A.P.)—Premier Mussolini will act as a mediator for the Christian world, it was learned today, when he suggests to Maxim Litvinoff, the soviet foreign commissar, that religious liberty be restored in Russia.

It was disclosed that in forthcoming conversations Mussolini and Litvinoff will explore the possibility of using the soviet-American recognition agreement, recently effected by President Roosevelt and the soviet official, as a stepping stone to freedom of religion for all and, if this should be impossible for all foreigners, at least for Italians.

THE HOLY GHOST ABIDES

I praise the Lord this morning for old time religion. Praise Him for the sweet Holy Ghost which abides just now. Pray for me that I may stand true.—Minnie Hickerson.

The Need of Prayer

By R. L. REXRODE

Text: Eph. 6:18.

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Paul said on one occasion, "Follow me as I also follow Christ." Good men will do to follow as long as they follow Christ. Paul in writing to Timothy of the walk of a good minister of Jesus Christ says, "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim. 4:12. At St. John 3:3 Jesus said, "Except ye be born again ye cannot see the Kingdom of God." Here is where the prayer life starts. So many cannot understand why they are not giving, I dare say, no time in prayer. They haven't been born again to understand the spiritual things. A professor never sees the need to pray. I mean by praying with all perseverance and supplication. There is much more praying to be done than to just say a prayer at night or even once or twice during the day, but hide away with God, meditate with Him, fast and be an example of prayer, not only to let them know we are praying, but the results that will follow prayer will show the world we are a good example.

Now above all good men Christ is a perfect example of prayer. If He ever made a mistake we have no record of it. He went out into the mountain where there would be no one to bother Him, and there He prayed all night to God. Just think of the Son of God, who did no sin neither was there guile found in His mouth, praying all night long, and many cannot stay in prayer ten minutes. He goes down from the mountain and calls together His disciples and chooses twelve whom He calls apostles. In making His choice He wanted to make sure that He made no mistake. This might have been His motive in spending the night in prayer. How different everything would be if we would follow this example before undertaking problems we do not understand. Pray until God does answer and tells us just what to do.

Jesus prayed in the room of the holy supper just before He went over the brook into the garden of Gethsemane. In this prayer He prayed not only for His apostles but also for them which shall believe through their word. And in this prayer He prayed that we might be sanctified, and praise His name, we cannot doubt that His prayer was answered. This example every Christian should follow, praying for all saints. He prayed the most trying hour of His life. Matt. 27:39-44. Christ had been persecuted and greatly mistreated, but He had never been tried before as He was on this occasion. Death was staring Him in the face. One of His disciples, who should have been His great friend, had already betrayed Him, and the others were heavy with sleep, yet under these unfavorable circumstances He prayed to His Father. Not very many today would ever think about praying in such a trying time, but that is the time we should think of prayer and more so right now, that we might be ready for such trying times.

My opinion is that there were no better men in all Old Testament days than Elijah. Neither were there any greater examples of prayer in his day. While he did not live in the grace age, and did not enjoy the blood-bought salvation as we do, yet we would do well if we would follow his life of prayer. He prayed that it might not rain. 1 Kings 17:1. He assured King Ahab there would be no rain or dew only according to his word. And it rained not for three years and a half. Then he prayed for rain. 1 Kings 18:42-45. He prayed but there were no signs of rain. He prayed again, but yet no sign. Did he give up? No, but rather became more in earnest, and prayed again. The seventh time he prayed the servant went up and looked toward the sea, and saw a little cloud he described as being about the size of a man's hand. This was sufficient evidence for Elijah so he just took the rest by faith, and sent word to Ahab to prepare his chariot and get down that the rain stop him not. There was much difference between Elijah and Thomas. There was no room in Elijah's heart for doubt or unbelief.

Jacob was on his way to meet his brother, Esau, and after he had passed over the Jabbok ford he sent his two wives and his women servants over the brook and he remained by himself. He certainly must have been in close touch with God. This wonderful example we should follow, to steal away with God and pray until we do get a blessing. I have heard many saints say as they were on their way home from church, "I could just not get a blessing at all." Now the trouble was they did not pray enough. He that prayeth in secret shall be rewarded openly. This does not mean necessarily that one has to pray with closed lips, but when we get off with God alone, even if we do cry aloud, if no one knows anything about it, we would be in secret prayer with God. The scriptures do not say that Jacob wrestled with an angel, it says a man wrestled with him until the break of day. And when the wrestle was over he declared he saw God face to face. His thigh was out of joint, yet he wrestled for what he came for (a blessing). When he asked permission to leave, Jacob said, "I will not let you go, except you bless me." This was a great determination, and if there were more people to get a hold on God and stay until the victory came, what a world this would be to live in.

When Israel was marching through the wilderness the Amalekites came out against them for war, and Israel was equipped with warriors and prayers. Moses, their leader, seemed to know the secret of prayer and God gave them great victory. Moses commanded Joshua to choose some men and go out and fight, and this he did. Very often in the Christian warfare we have some very severe battles against the enemy and prayer is the best sword to use in the battle. When the battle came Moses made for the hilltop to hold on to God for victory in the battle. Possibly if he had not, they might have sunk down in defeat. Paul said, "I will that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubtings." While Moses was on the hilltop he prayed with uplifted hands, and as long as his hands were up Israel went forward. But when his hands were lowered Israel retreated. Moses would hold up his hands until they were so tired he could not, then Aaron and Hur held up his hands while Moses prayed, and the battle was won. If we follow the example of Jesus and the great men of God we will always have glowing results. If we would spend more nights in prayer and not so much foolishness with the mind that should be entirely devoted to God, there would be great times in spiritual Israel again. After the Holy Ghost is come upon us we shall have power. Power is what every Christian needs—power over sin, power for service, power with both God and man, and this we can have abundantly. The writer says the Gospel came not only in word and deed, but in power also. Every Christian has his battles to fight, as Israel fought harder battles after crossing the Jordan than while in the wilderness, but if we follow these examples we will always be victorious even in the hardest battles. If we are found following these wonderful men in a life of prayer, we will some day be found standing on the golden streets of the New Jerusalem

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Some people grumble because God placed thorns among roses; why not thank God because He placed roses among thorns?—Sel.

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DEATH NOTICES

BOWLES
(Evangelist)

The many friends of Mrs. Nannie Ruth (Hagewood) Bowles will be surprised to know that on Nov. 29, at 4:30 in the afternoon, she was burned in a gas explosion at Charleston, W. Va. and died Nov. 30, at 2:30 in the morning. She was born Aug. 10, 1897 in Cheatham County, Tenn., and was thirty-six years, three months and twenty days old. While cleaning clothes in the basement of her sister's home gas fumes ignited and she was so severely burned that death soon followed.

Sister Bowles was a very devout Christian worker. She spent several years in the orphanage work and most all the orphan children called her their "big sister." She travelled and solicited funds and was very successful in this work. Of late years she has been working in the New England States and thru her labors hundreds have been blessed of God and many new churches started. In all my forty-one years of experience as a Christian I never met a more consecrated, devout Christian than Sister Bowles. She had uppermost in her mind the salvation of the lost. She seemed to never tire in her efforts to rescue and comfort those who needed God. In her death the Church has lost one of its best workers. It will be a great shock to her many friends in the Eastern States and hundreds will miss her.

On Dec. 3 the writer and Brothers T. S. Payne and J. H. Walker conducted her funeral at Tullahoma, Tenn. at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hagewood. Her body was laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery at Tullahoma.

She leaves a mother, several brothers and sisters, and two little boys to mourn their loss. Another valiant soldier has laid aside her armor and has gone home to glory to bask in the sunlight of the presence of Jesus.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

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LEGG
(Evangelist)

Sister Harriet Legg was born Jan. 31, 1904 in Pennsylvania and came to her sad death the same night and in the same manner that Sister Bowles did, being twenty-nine years, nine months and twenty-nine days old. She was conscious to the last and died talking in tongues.

Sister Legg was healed several years ago thru the prayers of Sister Bowles and her workers. From that time she continued with Sister Bowles in the work of the Lord and it was said that she was one of the most consecrated Christians any one ever met. She was wholly given up to God and had a loving disposition.

It seems strange that these two wonderful workers should go at the same time. Surely God saw their good intentions and their labors of love and sacrifice, and said, "It is enough, come up higher."

Sister Legg was laid to rest in her home town in Pennsylvania. We do not know who preached her funeral. It can be said of her that "she hath done what she could." Another valiant soldier was laid to rest and has gone to share the glories of the presence of God.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

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ACKERSON

James Alexander Ackerson went to be with Jesus Nov. 19, 1933. He was saved and anxious to see his Savior. Funeral was conducted by Brother Dempsey and interment was made at Richwoods, Mo. —His daughter, Sophie Merseal.

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ROBINSON

Rebecca Ann Robinson, daughter of Brother and Sister Jeff Robinson, was born Aug. 7, 1930 and died Nov. 1, 1933. Funeral service was conducted by Brother J. A. Smith, interment in Westside cemetery.—Sister B. H. Clark, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

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RABER
(Evangelist)

Everett Raber, age twenty-eight years, died Nov. 10, 1933 after suffering two weeks from burns received when his home and the contents were burned. He was an evangelist in the Church of God and was faithful to all its teachings. Thru his suffering he trusted God and prayed His will be done. He leaves a wife, Lillian Raber; three children, Opal, 6, Frank 4, and Twila Pauline 2. His funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by J. A. Bixler. Interment in the Thomas cemetery.—Virgil W. Thomas, Metz, W. Va.

EVERY SERVICE A FEASTING TIME

FORESTDALE, Ala.—The Lord surely did bless in our ten days' meeting at our little schoolhouse at Forestdale. Brother J. T. Tucker, our district overseer, came down on Sunday afternoon and preached that afternoon and night. My, how we enjoyed the messages. After Sunday night Brother Albert Hunt and Brother Elvison Knight were in charge. What a time we had every service. People began to fall in the altar seeking the Lord. Three were reclaimed and one filled with the Holy Ghost. This one who received the Holy Ghost was my husband. He had been seeking the Holy Ghost two years and went to the altar every time they gave an altar call. The night he received this sweet Holy Ghost was the happiest night of our lives. My! the dancing and talking in tongues that took place among both young and old. People were looking on and wondering, but they can't understand until they get in this good way. Glory to His name! If we will hold out faithful He will hear our cries.

Well, I can't tell all the good things that did happen in this meeting but I want to say to the readers of this paper, Brother Albert Hunt and Brother Elvison Knight did some good preaching and pleading to lost souls. Brother Knight is a young minister in the work but he surely does preach under the power of God. And we love Brother Albert Hunt as he was the first one who brought holiness this way.

If you are seeking the Holy Ghost and don't get Him right at once, just hold on to God for joy will come in the morning. Every one please pray for me to do just what the Lord would have me do.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Maggie Knight.

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From the Seed of Sin to the Holy Ghost Protection

By SOLOMON SCALF

Text: 1 Cor. 10:3, 5.

INTRODUCTION:—Using this scripture as an officer of the soul, let us notice: First, this officer is very needful among God's people. You might wonder who He is. He is the Comforter Jesus tells us about in John 14:26. If you will notice the scriptures, after reading carefully, you will find that this is an officer of the soul.

We should have such protection to back up a life that is commanded of God. It helps to overcome evil, not only helps but it is the only thing. Matt. 5:39. We will find that this scripture is a testing one. If they smite you on one cheek, turn the other one. Many times we wonder why the enemy evercomes us in our many trials. It is simply because we don't have proper protection. As far as temptations, I will say that the tempter tempted our Christ after being hungry but thank God He had the protection. What was the answer? Matt. 4:7, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." The enemy felt that he was completely resisted and the angels ministered to Jesus. Notice our text. Did you ever have someone to make a slight remark about you when there would be a feeling impressed upon your heart how they should not have done such and you would think it strange for a minute then this wonderful officer directed of God steps in and takes charge and arrests that wicked thought and brings it into obedience to Christ? Then how sweet it is. We can look up and say, Glory to God in the highest.

We find in St. John's gospel that God made all things in the beginning (John 1:3; Heb. 1:2). We find that God is allwise. He never left the officer out of His plan. The seed of sin came thru the disobedience of Adam (Gen. 3:17) and this seed has existed ever since, it is the sinning nature. There is a nature to everything. While everything has its nature there is a human nature and no man is ever saved from the human nature (Matt. 1:22). Jesus came to save us from our sins, but not from our nature.

Paul tells us (1 Thess. 5:17) to pray without ceasing. We find in our youth or infant days we need protection for our soul. When we are saved from our sins we have made the old apology that we owed God for transgressing His laws and walking away from His loving commands. When we come back to God there we promise that we are tired of sin and will walk in His paths (Jer. 6:16). Many stop at a justified state thinking that they are all right. When we come to Christ we make the same restitution as the prodigal son. Notice his words, "I have sinned against heaven and before thee" (Luke 15:18). Now when we have made apology we just pay what we owe God. If you owe me a dollar or I owe you a dollar, after the dollar is paid we are even. How true it is with us and God, but still we have nothing to keep our soul.

Many have become justified and sat down there and have lost their experience with God. Our life proves such matters to be facts (2 Cor. 3:2). "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men." Notice those who have been saved and have stopped and are rejecting sanctification, how they become cold and drift away and their experience leaks gradually away.

Jesus didn't say, Blessed are those who sit down, but He said, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness (Matt. 5:6). There is a filling needful in every heart. We can't make Christian progress in an empty vessel. Dear reader, do you believe that a little child that is born into this world, could be left on the streets of a town to make his way through the traffic without protection or a leader? You will say, No, and so do I. Neither can a ship that is on the stormy sea make its way without a guide (Jas. 3:4).

CONCLUSION: Do you think that God would leave His child to combat against the enemy with the many demons to drag down his soul? I say No, and so do you. He sent us the Comforter and leader and guide and the officer. O thank God, how I feel Him in my soul right now. It makes me feel like shouting.

SPECIALS

MANNS CHOICE, Pa.—The Church of God here is in a revival and we ask an interest in your prayers. The altar is filled every evening with seekers and God is blessing our labor. Sister Alva Mae McClure is doing the preaching. Brother and Sister Morris and Brother and Sister Nuzum and Sister Gladys Green are assisting. Come over, you Church of God folks, help us sing and pray precious souls thru to victory.—Your brother in Christ, A. L. Smith.

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MELROSE, N. Mex.—We are still working for the Lord and His Church here. God is so good to us and gives us what we ask if we only believe. Brother and Sister Reubin Martin have been here about a month. We were glad to see them come in. Brother Martin is our pastor and we believe God sent him. He is also district overseer. We are looking forward to a revival which is starting now. The harvest truly is ripe and laborers few. Pray for us.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. G. S. Phillips, clerk.

CAIRO, Ga.—I am praising God above everything on earth for salvation. I thank Him for the Church of God here. He wonderfully blessed last Sunday at our home coming. Our pastor, Brother J. A. Hipps, was in charge.—A sister, W. A. Brock.

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SELMAN CITY, Tex.—We praise the Lord for our church here which is growing and God is blessing. Brother Crow has recently closed a three weeks' meeting here and the Lord saved, sanctified, and baptized. Two were added to the church and the saints were refreshed and encouraged. Surely the Lord was in our midst. Brother Crow is our pastor and we praise God for the good Holy Ghost who sent Brother and Sister Crow here. Thru his preaching some other churches have seen the need of a clean life and a closer walk with God. Pray for us that we will be faithful until the soon coming of Jesus.—Sister Charlotte Walton.

STEADILY CLIMBING

We are glad we can say that the young people at Ft. Myers are on fire for the Lord. On Tuesday night, Aug. 15th, in the young people's service the Lord so wonderfully blessed and smiled upon us we decided it would be good to have a young folks revival. It began that night, and are we sorry? No, indeed, but we are glad we followed the leadings of the Lord and we can easily say it resulted in one of the best revivals we have been in for some time.

We didn't have a special preacher, the young folks were in charge and different ones were appointed to speak or give an altar call. However, the speakers were always willing to give way for the Holy Ghost and it was but few times we had any preaching at all. The Holy Ghost was our "welcome messenger." The Spirit was there in the songs, prayers, testimonies, and to convict sinners, but most of all, we were made to appreciate the good Spirit as we would gather at the altar to pray for the many seekers. There were from twenty-five to fifty at the altar nearly every night of the three weeks' meeting ran. We don't know just how many received the Holy Ghost but we believe we could safely say there were over twenty. Twenty-two were baptized and nineteen were added to the church the Sunday night the revival closed.

Oh, we do thank the Lord for this revival for it has indeed been a revival for this place, not only for the young folks but for the older ones as well. All the honor and praise go to the One from whom all these wonderful blessings came, but too, we owe a heartful of gratitude and appreciation to our Y. P. E. president and our pastor and his wife for their untiring efforts and prayers that have helped and encouraged us so much.

If any one wants to know about the progress of the church at Ft. Myers we can gladly tell them we are steadily climbing in the One who is our strength and refuge, and with David say, We shall be satisfied only when we awake in His likeness.—Beatrice Thomas.

In Foreign Fields

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

J. H. INGRAM, E. W. WILLIAMS, Mission Editors

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

Good News from A Far Country

By J. H. Ingram

"Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad," Prov. 12:25. "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country," Prov. 25:25.

We read in Mark 12:1 where "a certain MAN went into a far country," and since our interest in this particular MAN and the country to which HE has gone is so great, surely news from this source should be welcomed.

EVANGEL

The word "Evangel" (we call it "Evangelio" in the Spanish language—Evanhey-leo) is nearly synonymous with the word "Gospel," and likewise means "good news." Our church paper which bears this name is the medium thru which "good news" is brought to us from the MAN in a far country, and is today one, if not the greatest, of our missionaries, when it comes to spreading the gospel or "good news."

A FAITHFUL MISSIONARY LAID TO REST

At this writing I am down in the Mexican Republic superintending the building of a new mission station. When the walls had gone up to where they cleared the openings left for the front door and windows, we put a section of concrete twelve inches high and eighteen inches wide across the front of the building over the door and within the channel iron reinforcing the concrete section I placed a scroll containing a copy of the Nov. 4, 1933 issue of the Evangel, along with an appropriate scripture reading, praying at the same time for God's blessings to rest upon the place. Three native helpers ascended the ladder, carrying the first three buckets of cement which were poured in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, as the curious stood around wondering what it was all about.

LO A VOICE FROM HEAVEN

Noticing the cover design, I saw these words "Lo a voice from heaven," then as I started to turn thru this particular issue of the paper a likeness of the cross met my view, opposite the title of Brother Latimer's inspiring message, "Keep Near the Cross." All of a sudden the idea of writing an article based upon the titles of the articles by the different writers within, flashed into my mind, so I am giving you the benefit of my thoughts.

E PLURIBUS UNUM

Some of our United States coins bear the inscription "E Pluribus unum," meaning one (nation) composed of many (states). This article may then well be called by the above named title since it, in reality, is "one article composed of many articles."

"Lo a voice from heaven," Keep near the cross! for in so doing thou shalt know the mysteries of iniquity and avoid the consequences of becoming entangled therein. Listen for the Macedonian call. Upon hearing, go ye forth into foreign fields, carrying your corner into all the world, preaching the gospel unto every creature; proving yourselves, the Bible proving itself. Then shall ye be lights to the world, heralding the message of Jesus' soon coming, and tho' the light be dimmed as war clouds gather, God will help them in their distress and be gracious unto His children.

Going over the top, standing for Jesus, the battle is won, our prayers are answered. The war clouds scatter, the battle is fought, the victory is won, the light of a new day dawns as the smoke of the battle clears away. The correspondents arise from their intrenchments with pen in hand while the "good news" goes out thru every available source, some of which reads like this,

"Prospects are bright for the church, which is on the upward move. Wonderful revivals are in progress, something to praise God for. The mission work is spreading as is every other phase of the work. May we not sing?

It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done,
It is truly wonderful, it is truly wonderful,
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done,
Glory to His name!

Note:—The writer was led into the Church of God thru reading the Evangel.

HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

IRONDALE, O.—I praise God for His mercies and divine love this beautiful sunshiny day. Oh, how can I thank Him enough for His love He shed down on me? I praise Him because I was a sinner and He looked down and saw me going on sinning and He brought me down, made me humble myself to cry out to Him. How I thank Him for the suffering I had to bear. It took suffering to make me bow my knees to God. I praise Him for it.

One year ago the 30th of May I was confined to my bed. The doctors told me I had T. B. I had never started to serve God until about a month before I had to take my bed. Brother and Sister Kipe were holding a revival at that time. My sister-in-law and I went to the altar one night and gave our hearts to God. I attended regularly every night. It seemed like it had gone too far, God wouldn't take me in. After the revival was closed they had a baptismal service. Seven were baptized. My sister-in-law was baptized but I had a feeling that I was still far from God so I refused to be baptized. Not long after that I took my bed and was bedfast six months. God raised me out of bed Jan. 10, 1933 but during those months I never gave God up. I asked Him for another chance to be baptized. Praise His dear name, my prayers were answered.

On the night of Jan. 10th God sent one of His servants, Brother Grubbs, and two other dear saints of God and thru them God raised me from my death bed for the doctor said one of my lungs was gone. I was so weak I could not turn myself in bed. I did not take a step for five months. I didn't have any hope for my life, but God was merciful and raised me out of bed that very night. Oh, I praise His dear name. How merciful God is to me.

I thank Him for sanctifying and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost. Brother Grubbs started a revival at Irondale. After God raised me out of bed I attended about every night. After the revival was over there were ten to be baptized. It was in April and the water was cold but I felt that God's hand was upon me and I did not fear. Oh, how I thank Him that I was in that number for I thought I had refused God once.

There is no medical cure for T.B. but we have a Healer who can heal and never fail if we will just learn to trust Him and believe Him. How sweet He has been to me. He's the same to every one who will trust Him.

He also healed my brother of spells he had with his heart. We surely are giving God the glory. Oh, how kind and merciful He is to us. Old Satan tries to make us doubt God's Word but His grace is sufficient to take us thru if we'll only trust Him. I ask the saints of God to pray for me that I will always stay humble at the cross. Please pray for my husband that he will be saved and come to the place where God wants him.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. Mary Barker.

WORKING FOR THE LORD

VALDESE, N. C.—We have had a good old time revival here. Sixteen were saved, nine sanctified, five filled with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and six added to the church. Pray for us to stand true. Our pastor, Brother G. J. Hauze, has done a great work for us here in Valdese and in the South Mountains. He started out to work for the Lord and came here, put up his tent, ran a revival with great success, and established a church here. They wanted him to run a revival in the South Mountains a few miles from here, and set a church in order there. I know the Lord is with Brother Hauze. He and Brother Mack Adkins and Ray Calell were with us in the revival. I know the Lord is with these preachers.—A sister, Rhoda Tron, Rt. 1.

MISSION PROGRAM A SUCCESS

EPPS, La.—Saturday night, Sept. 9th, was set aside for a special time for missions at Epps. The Y. P. E. was in charge and we can truly say the program rendered was a success. The opening number was a piano solo by Louise Cantwell, a little girl seven years of age. Then Brother E. M. Tapley, local pastor of Dunn, gave the introduction as Brother Cole, our pastor, was absent. Sister Jose Welch took charge and with the cooperation of our Junior Class rendered an excellent program of songs, missionary exercises, and dialogues.

Next our Senior Class with the vice-president, Sister Inez Burgess, in charge rendered a splendid program. The first number on this program was a song by the class. Then the play, "The Mexican Call" was given by the Seniors. This play was composed by a Y. P. E. member at this place, Louise Burgess. We can truly say it was good. It was so real and touching that many in the audience were made to cry. After the play an offering was taken by Brother Jake Nolan, special for Mexico, which amounted to six dollars.

The last number on the program was a playlet, "Boosting the Endeavor," written by Lawrence Harper, a Y. P. E. member. This was a good play and we hope it encouraged some Endeavor member to do more for the Lord and their Y. P. E.

We here wish to express our appreciation of Brother Cole, our state overseer and pastor at this place. We wish to thank him and Sister Cole for their untiring efforts with the young people and juniors here throughout the past year. We also wish to express our thankfulness for Brother A. V. Beaube who came here in the summer and conducted a revival, because several of our unsaved Y. P. E. members were saved during this meeting, and we know they will now be a greater blessing to our Endeavor. Brother Beaube is certainly a minister of God. We love him and his family much and feel they would be a blessing to Louisiana if the Lord were to send them here. Pray much for our Y. P. E. that we all may ever be at our post of duty and may rise and shine for Jesus.—Yours for the Lord and Y. P. E., Lucian Nolan, Sec. of Y.P.E.

A WITNESS FOR JESUS

FROSTPROOF, Fla.—I am glad the joy bells are ringing in my soul just now. I am still praising the Lord for victory over sin and the devil. I thank the Lord for the great privilege of being a witness to the lost world, to tell the people how Jesus can save, sanctify and baptize with the sweet Holy Ghost.

We came here Aug. 8th and opened fire on the enemy. The folks came out to hear the Word of God as it was given out with power of the Holy Ghost. God surely did bless and anoint Brother Whitmore as he gave out the messages. There were only three of us to start the revival. Brother and Sister Whitmore and I. We continued in prayer and God gave us some help.

Brother Leroy Alderman, district overseer, and some of his members from Lake Wales came out and helped us out several nights. We surely do thank the dear Lord for hearing and answering prayer. Brother Alderman preached a heart-stirring sermon. We had sixteen in the altar the other night. Some got saved and sanctified. Many souls are looking this way. We did not have a very good house for the services, the weather hindered some, but praise the Lord if we will stand true when Jesus comes in His great power we can rise to meet Him and go to a place where all will be joy, peace and happiness, glory to His name! I want to go to that city, don't you!

I desire your prayers that I'll ever stand true and faithful to my blessed Redeemer.—A sister in the Lord's work, Miss Maccie Underhill.

VICTORY THRU JESUS

I am still praising the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost and fire. I trust Him for both soul and body. I am in the Church of God and I love the Church and its teachings. I mean by the help of God to be true to her. I have not been a member of the Church of God long but I have learned to love it and know it's right.

I have been living for God several years. God called me to preach the Gospel ten years ago and has backed up His Word by saving, sanctifying and baptizing with the Holy Ghost all who would believe on the Lord Jesus thru my efforts, praise God! God has also used your humble servant to pray for many who were sick, lame, blind, and He healed all who would believe which was quite a number. I have even seen the dead raised to life.

I have preached for many churches but since I got the light on the Church of God I moved into its fold. I have traveled thru many states but I can find nothing better than to preach the Gospel and live for God.

I have seen many wonderful healings but the most wonderful healing to me that I experienced was when I stepped upon a garden rake driving one of the prongs thru my foot, the point coming out and showing on the top of my foot. After it was pulled out of my foot, which was bleeding very badly, the saints of God were called and they prayed the prayer of faith. In three days' time I was able to go anywhere I wanted to, healed by the stripes of my blessed Master. Bless Him! I love Him today!

God also healed my wife of double pneumonia and pleurisy on both sides. The doctors said it would do no good to operate on her as she was bound to die and nothing could be done, but praise God when the saints prayed for her God raised her up and made her well. She used to weigh one hundred and fifty pounds but she first took chills and fever which she had five months before having the pneumonia and when she was healed she only weighed about ninety pounds. Now she weighs over one hundred and sixty pounds and that was only a few years ago.

It was my desire to be at the Annual Assembly but I could not make the arrangements to be there this time. May God guide each and every overseer of the dear old Church of God to do the best for the kingdom of God and His Church.—Your brother in Christ, Ed. Hall, 509 Livingston St., Eastman, Ga.

STRIVING FOR THE BLESSED HOLY GHOST

MENTONE, Ala.—Dear readers of the Evangel, I feel like sounding a note of praise to the dear Lord for the wonderful revival which was conducted by Bro. Harmon, our dear overseer, and was so much appreciated by the saints and others. I feel that the meeting did much and everlasting good. We can see much good accomplished, especially by the young people. The girls who were with Brother Harmon and wife were so much help and encouragement to the young people. We have a fine young people's meeting here since they were here. They rendered wonderful singing with dear Sister Harmon at the piano, bless her dear heart. She did her best with the rest. Oh, we learned to love them so well. It seemed like we never could give them up. Brother Harmon seemed like a dear father, which he was in the Lord. I'm sure he can never be beat as an overseer. We do appreciate him so much for bringing his tent and giving us a three weeks' meeting. Eternity alone can tell the good that was done.

There were two reclaimed. They surely went down to the rock for the fire is flying, praise the dear Lord. I don't know how many were saved who are still striving for the blessed Holy Ghost. Please pray for God to give us more souls here and that we may carry on the good work till Jesus comes.—An unworthy sister in Jesus, Minnie Ivens.

FREEDOM IN TURKEY

"The News Bulletin" of the Near East Christian Council contains the information that "in a large provincial city in Turkey, during 1932, some fifteen or eighteen Moslem men and women, practically all adults, were reported to the authorities as having deserted the Moslem faith. They were called to the Government, their testimony was taken, and practically all of them asserted their Christian faith. For some weeks they were troubled by repeated summons from police, by investigations and threats. A group of three young men traveled to Angora, and practically petitioned the Ministry of the Interior, setting forth their difficulties and the illegal treatment meted out to them by the local government authorities. It is religiously significant that the Department of the Interior stated that such persecution could not take place in Republican Turkey, and orders were sent from the capital to the city in question which completely put a stop to official and governmental persecution of these converts."—The Alliance Weekly.

Zion's beautiful Singer

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spector of hours, I'd often be awakened in my sleep with a song and my rest would be disturbed night after night by having to write the song down. I then finally came to a place where I trusted the Source inspiring the song in the first place, to again bring it to me and now I seldom ever fail to find the theme again. I have written songs every hour and half hour of the night at various times.

Often, just a hurried statement of a preacher or speaker in the audience suggests a title for a song. Often a few words read from a paper or even the announcement of a moving picture title, yes sometimes an ad in a paper or as on one occasion a real estate sign which read only these significant words, "Some day You'll Say, I might have," brought what seemed to me a very valuable contribution to my song collection.

A word now concerning some of my best known songs and the inspiration which caused their birth. I am generally known as a hymn writer best through the simple little song "I'M GOING THRU, JESUS." This is a sample of just what the quoted statement above mentioned stated. I never thought there was much to this song. I wrote it on the back of an envelope while en route from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. I had been passing through a very great trial. Let me say right here that most of my songs which have been in any way a blessing have likewise been born of adversity. Some say that is undoubtedly the reason they seem to touch as many hearts as they seem to do. I KNOW WHAT EVERY LINE OF SUFFERING IS. I never pass through the school of suffering but what from one to several songs are born.

But concerning the song last mentioned (though it would take a book to give it's story in full), the song was caught up and in a few months scattered from coast to coast and later it had gone into every foreign country where missionaries go. On one occasion my wife and I had been singing in a chapel exercise of a Bible school and after the service we were told some returned missionaries wished to meet us. Upon meeting them, they informed us that they had carried this song, "I'm Going Through," to the Eskimo and though they had no printed language, they loved to sing the song in their mother tongue. As soon as these had ceased speaking some others were introduced to us telling us how the people in Central America sang it in Spanish.

A few years ago Gipsy Smith got hold of the song and has made it one of his 'specials' I found it had been recorded by the Race Jubilee Singers on the Victor Record. Later I found it recorded on the Columbia record by one of their artists, Wm. McEvan, well-known Scottish tenor. He wrote me a lengthy letter concerning it and sent me his London (England) song book containing the song.

Time fails me and space forbids here to give the most brief recitals of the many, many incidents of lives changed, victories won, encouragement received through this one little song alone.

A song written before this one which has always been a favorite even to this day is "My Sheep Know My Voice." This, too, was written after a rather severe trial when I was but eighteen years of age.

Among my later and yet better known publications is "The Old Fashioned Meeting"—a song written during just such a revival away out in the country in the State of Kansas. Homer Rodeheaver finally purchased this song and every gospel singer in the world is familiar with it. It also has been recorded on one of the leading companies' records. This song first bought by an unknown printer, practically made his business. It is in the 'Seth Parker' hymnal and the famous radio man who goes under this caption and his company use it.

"I'm Going Higher Someday" has had a remarkable run. I wrote this after watching an airplane awhile, thinking how very high the pilot must be but that I some day should go higher than even the clouds or sky above him. Many are the touching incidents we could relate concerning this song.

"When I Take My Vacation in Heaven" —a song with a unique title, has an unusual history and a stranger background. I frequently write songs impromptu from titles given publicly and voted upon by the congregation. In a meeting eight years ago a little girl gave this strange title. Every one laughed. The title only secured three votes. Thus it was not written publicly. But after arriving home that night the subject seemed to grip me. The more I thought on it, the more inspired I became. I finally decided to write the song. It was near one o'clock when I finished it. I could scarcely sleep for thinking of it. Well, to make a long story short, the song met with wildly enthusiastic and instant favor. I sang it seven times the first week it was written. The news of it spread to one of my old publishers who finally succeeded in buying the copyright from me. It went by leaps and bounds all across the continent. After several years one of the largest publishers of popular songs in America got hold of it, arranged to buy it and make of it a popular song. The last word received by this writer was that this company said it was meeting up with their expectations and they hoped to print a million copies the first year. This is perhaps the first time in the world's history of song that a purely sacred selection was thus popularized.

"Take the Bitter with the Sweet" was one set to music by the late Chas. H. Gabriel (my words), internationally copyrighted by Chas. Alexander who sang it in his great campaigns around the world with Dr. Torrey. This also was a favorite of Chas. Butler, called the South's Sweetest Singer. "Have You a Friend Like That?" had an interesting history—purchased by Homer Rodeheaver and used by him as a solo in his greatest campaigns with Billy Sunday. I might go on for hours, but space forbids.

Now, a word regarding the pay of Gospel hymn writers. I have often said the song writers (Gospel song writers) are the least known by name, whose works are well known, of any people in the world. I might add also that they are the most poorly paid of such people.

I have been in touch with practically all of the leading hymn writers of my day. I have set music to their words or words of mine set to music by nearly all of the leading writers. At one time Johnson Oatman, Jr. was said to have more songs in hymn books than any other living writer; yet, he sold his wonderful song poems for a dollar each or ten dollars a dozen. I know, because we were associated together on a number of songs and I bought poems from him at this price. He wrote me one time that his songs had made tens of thousands of dollars for the publishers, with but one exception; there had never been any financial aftermath. Think of one dollar for such songs as "NO NOT ONE," "COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS," "DEEPER YET," "HIGHER GROUND," etc. If there is any money made, it is always by the publisher who buys and floats the songs and as Chas. Gabriel wrote me once, "We have to buy 100 songs to get ONE that pays." I happen to know that for the song called the most popular religious hymn, the company was paid $500—the highest price I ever heard paid for a hymn—but this song has perhaps paid the one who holds the copyright thousands of dollars.

I am not hesitant in saying that twice I have received $200 for a song—after the song had attained considerable popularity. For an untried hymn—words and music—five dollars is a common price and plenty of song poems can be obtained (good ones) for one dollar each. Thus, if the Gospel hymn writer did not depend exclusively on the happiness his productions bring him in his life, with a knowledge that he shall receive his greatest reward in the life to come, he would be in a sorry fix. I have been told by two of the largest religious publishers of songs, that they paid me more than any living American hymn writer because they felt my songs worth it; yet the foregoing prices are the customary ones. My wife, Mrs. Lillie Buffum, is also an able writer though she does not write so many. My children, at least two of them, have written songs since one was eight and the other but five.

Now, this is a random letter, barely touching on the many interesting points of a modern hymn writer's life.

Trusting it will be of interest and blessing I sign myself, respectfully,

HERBERT BUFFUM."

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SPECIAL

The church at Rebecca, Ala. has gone over the top in the 40c per member drive. We wonder if every one is working at this faithfully as you should. Everybody come on and let's get rid of the old debts this year.

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Do not put these things aside and disregard them. If you do, you'll be disloyal. I know you do not want to be disloyal. I am ready to help you in any way I can. When you need me let me hear from you. —Your servant, J. B. Cole, overseer of Louisiana.

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If any one knows a man by the name of Andrew William Williams, please let me know. He is my half brother and was last heard of at East Lake, Tenn. He was talking of going to Fort Payne, Ala.—Mrs. A. B. Chance, Rt. 1, Cleveland, Miss.

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If any one is interested in me coming to your city or town to help you get a work started or help in the one you have already, I would be glad to come but would have to know if I could get a job. My experience is in railroad shops and textile mills. If you wish to write, I will take it up with your state overseer. I am a licensed minister in the Church of God. —L. F. Clements, Rt. 1, Box 373, Columbus, Ga.

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REQUEST

I request prayer for my sister's brother-in-law who is a sinner and is losing his mind. Pray that God will save his soul and heal his body. He often calls for prayer. I desire an interest in your prayers that I will be a soul winner and stand true at any cost. Pray for the unsaved members of my home to be saved.—A sister, Miss Ola Bramlett, 117 Caryell St., Marietta, Ga.

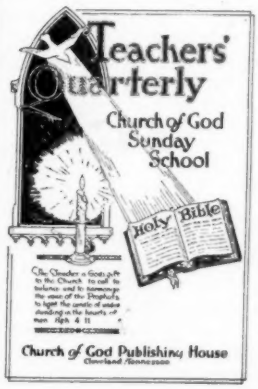
GIVING GOD THE GLORY

PONCHATOULA, La.—I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of His great healing power. I had abcess of the lung, pleurisy and a loose kidney. I went to the hospital and stayed four weeks and the longer I stayed the worse I got. The Lord whipped me and sent me home.

They said when I left I had typhoid fever and would be back in two weeks. But praise God He came on the scene and healed me thru the sisters and brothers' prayers and I am giving God the glory. Praise God.—Ella B. Perrilloux, Box 116.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

It is now time to order Sunday School literature again. It will be very necessary to avoid the delay caused by congested mails during the holiday season which can alone be done by your order for literature reaching us in time to be filled in order to reach you before crowded Christmas mails.



Last quarter, though we published an additional amount of literature, we ran out of Adult Quarterlies, cards, and Teachers' Quarterlies. We are printing more for this quarter and suggest that you, to keep your Sunday School from being dwarfed from lack of literature, order an ample supply to start with.

Please remember that the House is now on cash basis by act of the General Assembly and that cash must accompany your orders. C. O. D. orders must be accompanied by one-fourth cash. The Teachers' Quarterly will also be ready for shipment. Single copy 20c, five or more copies to one address 17c per copy.

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Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 12—December 17

PAUL IN ROME

Text: Acts 28:11-22, 30, 31.
Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19.
Time: A. D. 60-63.
Places: Rome, and various places on the journey thither.

Golden Text: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—Phil. 3:14.

Leading Thought: God will work everything for good to those who are the called according to his purpose.

PAUL IN ROME
FINDING AND FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE
DEPARTING FOR ROME

V. 11. "And after three months." Winter was over, the weather was fine, they could now possibly sail with safety. "We departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle." This was a better ship than the one which had been wrecked, perhaps a grain ship from Alexandria. Egypt was the great corn store of Rome and Alexandria was its great harbor. "Whose sign was Castor and Pollux." Meaning twin brothers, named after the tutelary deity of the sailors, and it was supposed that the deities represented should render special care and assistance to sailors in danger of shipwreck.

V. 12. "And landing at Syracuse." About eighty miles from Malta on the east coast of Sicily where 413 B. C. the people of Syracuse destroyed the Athenian fleet of two hundred vessels. "We tarried there three days." Here the south wind failed them and after waiting a period of three days they set sail to reach Rhegium.

V. 13. "And from thence we fetched a compass and came to Rhegium." They traveled making a circle called tacking, the wind not allowing them to sail in direct course. Rhegium is on the Italian coast opposite Messina in Sicily. "And after one day the south wind blew." Which afforded a favorable opportunity for them to sail again. "And we came the next day to Puteoli." Which was in ancient days the usual landing place of travelers from Egypt and the East, now named Pozzuoli, situated on the northern shore of the Bay of Naples.

V. 14. "Where we found brethren and were desired to tarry with them seven days." It is very interesting to find the Gospel already planted in Italy which no doubt was a source of great joy to Paul. The stay of seven days was perhaps so arranged that Paul might have the privilege of addressing them in the synagogue on the Sabbath Day. "And so we went toward Rome." "After all the conspiracies of the Jews who sought to take away his life after the two years delay at Caesarea after the perils of that terrible shipwreck. In spite of the council of the soldiers to kill the prisoners, and in spite of the venomous beast, Paul came to Rome, fulfilling the Word of God: "Thou must bear witness also at Rome," Chap. 23:11.

V. 15. "And from thence, when the brethren heard of us." Perhaps the news was sent by the Church at Puteoli. "Came to meet us as far as Appii." A town situated on the Appian Way, the great road from Rome from Brundusium. Both the road and the town was named after the famous Appius Cladius, the Roman censor. The town was usually crowded with sailors and abounded with taverns. "And the three taverns." Here a second group of Christians awaited Paul thirty miles from Rome. "Whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage." Paul had not planted Christianity in these sections but had addressed a letter to them. Nevertheless Paul was greatly encouraged by their presence who seemed to feel no necessity for stigma because Paul was a prisoner.

ARRIVING AT ROME

V. 16. "And when we came to Rome." That is, entered the city proper, having previously entered the district of Rome mentioned in V. 14. The centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier who kept him. Upon reaching Rome Julius handed over his prisoners to the commander. Paul, however, was extended special favor, "granted probably on the good report of the courteous Julius." It is, however, contended in that though bound with a chain, he was permitted to have his own dwelling and receive visitors when he would.

PAUL AND THE JEWS AT ROME

V. 17. "And it came to pass, that after three days, Paul called the chief of the Jews together." As soon as he was located in his own hired house he then arranged to speak to his people, the Jews, concerning Jesus as their Messiah. "And when they were come together." Perhaps invited by Luke and Aristarchus. "He said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers." He was so particularly free from desiring to or injuring the Jews that he especially insists upon his loyalty to the faith of the fathers. "Yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans." Delivered by the Jews into the hands of the Romans because of religious bigotry.

V. 18. "Who when they had examined me." A reference to the trial before Felix, Festus and Agrippa. "Would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me." Again assuming his innocency of any wrong doing and also upholding the justice of Roman law.

V. 19. "But when the Jews spake against it." They desired that Paul should be tried again before the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem, Chap. 25:9. There they would have been sure to convict him, if not to kill him. "I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar." He had before affirmed that he was a Roman, though this he does not mention in this instance and does not exert his privilege as a Roman citizen until the last instance. "Not that I had ought to accuse my nation of." He brings no counter accusation against the Jews as was ofttimes customary.

V. 20. "For this cause therefore have I called for you to see you and to speak with you." What is more correct is that he invited them to come to see him that he might commune with them concerning the questions at issue because "that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain." See Chap. 23:6; 24:14, 15, 21; 26:6, 22, 23. He still embraces the hope of Israel and simply because he had accepted Jesus as the Messiah in fulfillment of an aged long expectation of the Jews, and had renounced the faith of the Pharisees. He was bound with chains. The apostle knew Christ as the Lord of glory and was just as confident that he was the hope of Israel while he was bound in chains while he enjoyed perfect liberty.

V. 21. "And they said unto him, We neither receive letters out of Judea concerning thee." Possibly letters had not had time to arrive. What is more probably true was that the Jewish authorities of Jerusalem really felt that Paul had escaped their hand and it was useless to further accuse him. "Neither any of the brethren that came showed or spake any harm of thee." Possibly the expulsion of the Jews from Rome by Claudius (Chap. 18:1) may have slackened the intercourse between Juda and Rome or possibly Jewish travelers had not had time to arrive in Rome since spring had opened up.

V. 22. "But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest." We are willing to hear, literally, what you think is right. "For as concerning this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against." They had at least heard concerning Jesus of Nazareth and His followers negatively. It is also possible that at least some of them had read Paul's letter addressed to the Romans and realizing that Paul was a man of no mean ability they desired to hear him.

Acts 28:30, 31

PAUL PREACHING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

V. 30. "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house." This was perhaps during his supposed imprisonment. His apartment may have consisted of no more than one room, the rent on which may have possibly been paid by the Philippian Church. "And received all that came unto him." Whether casual visitors, religious inquirers, and certainly Luke and Aristarchus were with him all the time. It is stated that he was also visited by Tychicus, Timothy, Epaphroditus (who brought gifts from Philippi), also by Onesimus, Mark, Justus, Epaphras from Asia Minor, and Demas the backslider.

V. 31. "Preaching the kingdom of God." The declaration of the gospel of Jesus Christ embodies the complete overthrow of present world power and the establishment of the kingdom of God throughout

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ORPHANAGE REPORT

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Name unknown, 3 slips, 1 gown, 6 pr bloomers, 4 children's dresses, 1 misses' dress, 3 pr. hose.

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Name unknown, 1 bag peanuts, 1 quilt, 1 pt. fruit.

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WORD GIVEN OUT WITH CONVINCING POWER

PINEOLA, N. C.—Brother J. C. Farmer of Statesville, N. C. came to Pineola and began a meeting Aug. 21 and continued it until our district convention which convened Sept. 1st. He surely did give out the Word with great convicting power. Souls were stirred. One was saved, three sanctified, two reclaimed, and seven added to the church, among whom was a Baptist preacher. The church was edified.

Our district meeting began Friday, Sept. 1st. The welcome address was given by the pastor, E. H. Phillips. Response was given by Bill Combs. Brother T. C. Wiggins, our district overseer, then brought a message on "Too Light for God." On Saturday night Walter Stamey brought the message on "How Shall We Escape if We Neglect so Great Salvation?" It surely was fine. This was followed by a sermon by J. C. Farmer on "If We Were Abraham's Children We Would do the Works of Abraham." When he got thru we felt like leading up with good works and going on. Sunday morning Brother Wiggins preached to us on "Let Us Lay Aside Every Weight." Brother C. A. Adkins preached for us next. Brother Farmer told us more good things. Sunday night Brother Farmer told us some good things about heaven. Oh, we want to go there.—Sent in by E. H. Philips.

GOD HEARD OUR PRAYERS

SHELBY, N. C.—Several weeks ago we had a two weeks' revival here at Shelby with Brother George W. Cooper in charge. About fifteen were saved, seven sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost. God surely did bless Brother Cooper in giving out the Word. Souls were made to rejoice. We had large crowds every night, as many as two or three tabernaclefuls. The people attended well. People who almost fought holiness say it surely must be right. God is opening the people's eyes in Shelby.

Sister Maggie Martin from Blacksburg preached one night. We truly enjoyed having her and the people from South Carolina. Brother Barnell from Lowell preached some for us. Numbers of saints from other churches were here and were a blessing. The work in Shelby is moving for God. When we took the work it was almost gone, but we cried and begged God to spare it and He heard our prayers. The Sunday School had about twenty or twenty-five in attendance and now we have an average of sixty-five or seventy. We took the work the last week of June. We praise the Lord for what He has done here.

Since the revival Brother Cooper held here people surely are looking this way. We are few in number but we are on fire and have the victory. During the revival one came into the church. Brother and Sister Cooper did some wonderful singing.—Pray for the work in Shelby.—A. M. Phillips and wife.

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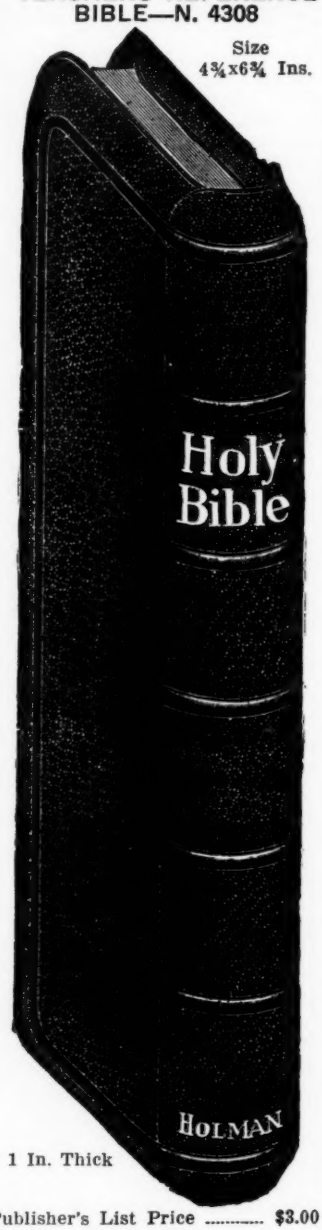

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REQUESTS

I want all the dear saints to please pray a special prayer for the healing of mine and my baby's body. We have been having fever but God is able to heal us. Also pray for my mother who has been sick about four months. She has salvation and it seems that the devil is trying her out. Pray that I will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Jesse M. Aycock, Rocky Ford, Ga.

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I request all the saints to pray for me to be completely healed. I have been afflicted for over three years and have to stay in bed most all the time. I don't even have the pleasure of being in service.—Your humble brother, Eston Harper, Rt. 1, Enigma, Ga.

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Dear children of God, I have been reading in the Church of God Evangel about how the Lord has healed so many and as I have been sick for nine months and am trusting the Lord to heal me, I request your prayers. The doctor said I could not get well but thank the Lord, there isn't anything too hard for Him. I am a child of God and am looking to Jesus to heal me. The saints pray for me and I get easy but I desire the Lord to heal me and manifest His power. Please pray a special prayer for me as soon as you read this. I was called to preach His Word and was faithful for thirteen years but my health failed. Pray for me to be able to go out again for the Lord. My lungs are weak and I have high blood pressure and kidney trouble but He can heal all sickness. —Your sister, Mrs. W. A. Comings, Box 151, Haleyville, Ala.

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I thank the Lord for His tender mercy to me and my little family. My husband is unsaved but I love the Church of God and want to be ready to meet Jesus in peace. My heart has not been satisfied since I have claimed the Holy Ghost and I feel like there is a deeper experience for me. Please pray earnestly for me that God will wonderfully revive my heart and put me on fire for Him. I am bothered with heart trouble so pray for my healing. My baby is sick with a cold and cough and I ask that you pray for it. Also pray that God will get hold of my husband and he will be saved and lose the desire for tobacco and whisky. Please pray earnestly for us.—A sister, Lula Hurst, Live Oak, Fla.

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I ask each one to pray for my fifteen months old baby as he is sick. Husband and I belong to the Church of God. Pray for us to be humble where the Lord can use us.—Mattie Lee McIntyre, Forestdale, Ala.

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I have lost my joy and I ask that you join me in prayer that it may be restored. Please pray for the Church of God at Memphis, Tenn. Brother Jesse Danehower is our pastor and surely stands for God. We need a closer walk with God so don't forget to pray for us.—Your brother, Stanley Prescott.

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I praise God for finding the Church of God and for victory in my soul though the devil has tried hard to tear my faith down. I mean to hang on to His unchangeable hand and ask that you pray for me that God will help me and bring things to pass in my life that I might be a greater blessing to His cause. I am asking God to open a way for me to go where I can be in Church of God services. This is a wicked place and the Church of God has never been preached here.—J. C. Myers, Yadkinville, N. C.

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I truly thank the Lord for His saving, keeping and healing power, of which I am a living witness. Please pray for the Church of God members here in Conneaut and that the Lord will send a real Holy Ghost revival here and souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. We have a good shepherd here, Brother C. R. Martin, but no place of worship. Pray for me that I may receive the baptism and that my loved ones and friends will be saved.—One who loves the Lord and stands for the Church of God, Mrs. Alice H. Hill, Rd. 4, Conneaut, Ohio.

REVIVAL FIRE BURNS

BELPRE, Ohio.—By special request I am writing this letter of good tidings and great news, and no human could do justice in trying to report all the wonderful things God is doing for His Church in Belpre.

Less than two years ago there was no church in Belpre. God sent a revival where souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. They then desired a church to be set in order which was done. The devil came in. He didn't creep in but walked in boldly, robed as an angel of light, which of course destroyed the unity, peace, and love, causing great confusion and strife. There were a faithful few who really knew the church and her great value, who stood steadfast, immovable, ever abounding in love and faith, praying earnestly, until about two months ago the Lord answered prayer and laid the burden of this infant work upon our dear Brother Blackwell's heart heavier than ever. Instead of him sending a pastor he came himself, God using him to preach the Word until it sunk deep into every heart like a sharp two-edged sword.

One night in Y. P. E. the leader in her weak, inexperienced way said, "I guess we had better have an altar call." The anointing of God fell on Brother Kellogg and he gave the invitation for recruits for the army of God. Eleven backsliders answered the summons and such weeping, praying, travailing, and then such glorious victory with singing, shouting, dancing, rejoicing! And right there amidst it all was born a unity, love, and perfect understanding that never before existed. Restitutions were made, and God was greatly glorified in it all.

This glorious revival has continued night after night, week after week, for more than two months with no special evangelist, our dear Brother Blackwell preaching and when he could not be there others filled in, God having His way in everything. Since that time twenty-four have been saved, sixteen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, eight added to the church and thirty-seven baptized in water. All praise, honor, and glory to God!

Heretofore many joined the Church not understanding, nor realizing the value of this Pearl of great price, and from time to time throughout these two years they were disfellowshipped because of one misdemeanor or another which brought reproach upon the Church and put the Christ of Calvary to open shame. Now, praise God, they have been truly added to the Church and will no longer err because they know not the Scriptures and power of God.

During these two months of glorious revival fires the devil has fought, and fought hard, but has been forced to admit himself a defeated foe for all were well fortified thru prayer with the power of God over all the powers of the enemy. Praise the Lord!

We could not fail to make honorable mention of the good work done in our Sunday School, also the Y. P. E. which has gone over the top for Jesus. And now we come to the sad part of this report, we have learned to take cheerfully and uncomplainingly the bitter with the sweet, so we will submit to God's will in this also. Our dear Lord who is wise in all His judgments has so ordained that Brother Blackwell leave us this year and labor elsewhere in the great harvest of souls. We are loathe to see him and his family go as we have learned to love them dearly and highly esteem them among all our brothers and sisters in Christ, but should we never again meet here in this life we are certain we will meet them at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb where there will be no more partings or sad and regretful farewells. We are, nevertheless, rejoicing that such a wonderful report of good works shall follow him, and trust to be there when he receives his crown of glory which fadeth not away.

Christian greetings to all the Evangel family from the Belpre, Ohio Church of God.—Humbly submitted by Eula Utman Kellogg.

HE KEEPS ME EVERY DAY

ALBANY, Ga.—I thank God this morning for Jesus and His precious love to me, for being saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost and for the way He keeps me every day. I thank Him for healing my little girl of infantiago.

I thank Him for the way He is blessing us over here at Albany. I desire the prayers of every one that I will be true and overcome until Jesus comes.—A sister in Christ, Estelle Dowling.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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the whole world, Dan. 2:35. "And teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ." That is, His birth, His deeds, words, and ministry, His deity, His sacrificial death, glorious resurrection and returning again in glory with all confidence, no man forbidding Him. He made good use of the freedom given him, speaking at every opportunity to win every possible convert and to extend the Kingdom of God unforbidden of man.—E.C.C.

NORTH FLORIDA MINISTERS' MEETING

The North Florida ministers' and officials' meeting convened at Lake City, Fla., Nov. 13th with our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, in charge. By nine o'clock there was a good delegation of ministers, deacons and other officials already assembled. The convention opened with songs, prayer and praises. The welcome address was made by Brother Wiggins and responses were given by several. By this time we were all feeling welcome and were ready to enjoy the many blessings of the day.

After the reading of the Minutes of last meeting "Advice and Instructions" to local church clerks and treasurers were given which was helpful. We only wished all our local church clerks could have heard this. Brother U. D. Tidwell then delivered a discourse on "The Need of Better Organization." This was enjoyed by all and made us all desire to see better organization in our work. After this an address was given to the ministry by our state overseer. This was very instructive and we were much benefited by it. Surely we all went back to our fields of labor with a greater determination than ever to do our best for God and His cause.

After noon hour services opened again with songs and prayer after which "Advice and Instruction" to Sunday School officials was given by Brother Yates. This was enjoyed by all. Time was given over to business. Many good things were brought before the ministry and passed which we believe will be helpful to the work in general. "Advice and Instruction" to Y.P.E. officials came next by the writer. Afterwards Brother Dorman gave an address to deacons and councilmen. He brought out many good points which were needed. Next came handshakes and goodbyes. This brought to a close one of the best ministers' meetings I've ever attended. Oh, there was such sweet fellowship there!

There seems to be the best unity among the ministers that I've seen in a good while. We appreciate the untiring efforts of our state overseer in his great work among us. To say we enjoyed the day is putting it mild. Our hearts were made to rejoice in the good messages and advice and in the presence of the Lord. Surely we have a greater zeal than ever to work for God and His Church.—Your brother in Christ, W. B. Sumner, 8020 Marks St., Sulphur Springs, Fla.

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